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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ On page 5, please delete the paragraph immediately preceding the title "Description of the Preferred Embodiments". This paragraph was added in the most recently filed amendment, and reads in its entirety:

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"Figure 6 shows a container having a plurality of compartments for transporting nuclear fuel assemblies."

✓ On page 11, please delete the final paragraph, which was added in the most recently filed amendment. This paragraph reads in its entirety:

"Figure 6 shows a container having a plurality of compartments for transporting nuclear fuel assemblies."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 17 and 29 to read as follows:

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17. (Three times amended) A transport device for housing a long length nuclear fuel assembly, said device comprising:

a compartment having substantially the same length as the fuel assembly, said compartment having fixed walls extending in a longitudinal direction and defining an interior space of the compartment, and an opening at a distal end of the compartment in said longitudinal direction;

a fixed structure rigidly attached to one of said fixed walls of the compartment, and comprising at least one fixed guide element extending in a transverse direction transverse to the longitudinal direction of the compartment;

a mobile structure that can be moved in the transverse direction to apply pressure on the fuel assembly, the mobile structure comprising at least one transverse mobile guide element slidably engaging the fixed guide element on the fixed structure,